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WE believe that all readers who were unable to be present at the General Conference will gladly hail this *report number* of our magazine. A wise use of these pages will enable any reader to make an imaginary visit to the meetings in Lowell where Free Baptist women met in consultation in regard to our work. Judicious Presidents of Auxiliaries will aim to use the Helps for Monthly Meetings in such a way that the members will glean valuable information. It will be a good time during December to see that every church, certainly every Auxiliary, has an agent for the *HELPER*. Many subscriptions begin with the year. A faithful agent will see that the church is thoroughly canvassed each year, and not be content to send only the names of subscribers obtained previously. An ambitious agent will hardly be content to send fewer names than formerly; she will seek to add to the number. There should be careful note taken of the removal of agents, thus leaving no one responsible for sending the money due. Large clubs are sometimes lost because of the removal of a pastor whose faithful wife has done the annual work of visiting the subscribers and obtaining renewals. Faithfulness in attending to details in work has much to do with success in any line. Care about these will not only help the work, but educate us as workers. Let us begin the year wisely.

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NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.
OF THE
FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
PRESENTED AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT LOWELL, MASS.,
OCTOBER, 1892.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

MINUTES.

THE Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, in response to the call of the recording secretary, met in annual session in the Paige St. church, Lowell, Mass., Oct. 7, 1892, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Mrs. Mary A. Davis, president, was in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. M. West of Michigan. The records of the last meeting were read.

Report of the corresponding secretary was read by Mrs. N. A. Avery of N. H., and accepted.

Report of the publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. E. H. Andrews of R. I., was read and accepted.

Report of home secretary for West and South was read by Mrs. Thera B. True of Iowa, and accepted.

Report of the publication committee was read by the chairman, Mrs. S. A. Porter, and accepted.

Report of Sunday-school committee was given by Mrs. J. M. West of Michigan, accepted, and committee continued. The following persons were appointed a committee for nominating officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. N. A. Avery, New Hampshire; Mrs. J. M. West, Michigan; Mrs. A. R. Emery, Massachusetts; Mrs. N. L. Abbey, Kansas; Miss Lucinda Preble, Maine.

At this time further business was postponed and Mrs. Ellen A. Copp of Michigan was introduced and spoke upon "Union." Adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. Oct. 8, in the church vestry.

Adjourned Meeting.

Paige St. church, Oct. 8, 8.30 A. M. The meeting was called by special order. Mrs. Mary A. Davis, president, was in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. M. G. Osgood, New Hampshire. Report of treasurer was read and accepted.

Voted, To adopt the following resolution :

That the president and recording secretary issue a call to the members of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society, at their November Auxiliary meetings, to make special prayer of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for his blessings during the past year, and plead for his guidance and wisdom in the future.

The following resolution from the board of managers in regard to the "Cristy Fund" was accepted :

Whereas, Through the last will and testament of Mr. Robert Cristy, late of Dover, N. H., the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars or thereabouts is to come into possession of this society ; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we desire hereby to express our profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for moving the large heart of our generous benefactor to make this munificent bequest.

2. That we place on record our high appreciation of the confidence thus evinced in our organization, and deem it a valuable recognition of woman's work on the part of a keen-sighted business man.

3. That we recommend to the society that it empower its treasurer to receive and receipt for the bequest of Robert Cristy whenever the executor is ready to pay the same. We recommend that this bequest be called the "Cristy Fund."

The following preamble and vote presented by Laura A. DeMeritte was adopted :

Whereas, By the terms of the last will and testament of Robert Cristy, late of Dover, in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, deceased, the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society is a legatee, and whereas by a codicil to said will, executed by said Robert Cristy Feb. 9, 1889, which is to be taken as part of his said will, said Cristy bequeathed and devised unto said society one-half of all the rest and remainder of all of his property remaining after providing for the specific legacies and bequests in said will and codicil mentioned, and whereas among other property embraced in and covered by said rest and remainder of said Cristy's property is all the real estate owned by him and situate in Dover aforesaid, and whereas the whole of said real estate has been appraised and inventoried by three persons legally appointed by the Court of Probate for said County of Strafford to appraise the property of said Cristy, both real and personal, at the sum of five thousand dollars, now, therefore, it is voted by said society that it sell and convey unto Laura A. DeMeritte all its right, title, and interest in and to all of said real estate at the rate of five thousand dollars for the whole; that is, if in the division of said residue, one-half of said real estate falls to said society it will take therefor twenty-five hundred dollars, and if less or more falls to its share it will take a sum less or greater at the same rate, reckoning the value of all said real estate at five thousand dollars; and Alice M. Metcalf, recording secretary, is hereby duly authorized to execute and deliver a proper deed of the interests of said society in said real estate to said Laura A. DeMeritte.

Report of General Secretary Mrs. E. B. Cheney was read and accepted. The time now arrived at which the meeting was called. The records of the informal meeting held at 8.30 were read and ratified.

The report of the nominating committee was received.

The four general officers were elected by ballot, with the following result: Mrs. Mary A. Davis, N. H., president; Mrs.

J. A. Lowell, N. H., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alice M. Metcalf, R. I., recording secretary; Miss Laura A. DeMeritte, N. H., treasurer.

Voted, To suspend action on report of nominating committee.

After some discussion, *voted* to proceed to election. The resignation of Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, Michigan, as home secretary West and South, was received. As term of office had expired no action was taken. The following resolution offered by Mrs. M. M. Brewster was adopted:

Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, on her retirement from office of home secretary West and South, our sympathy, and give her our hearty appreciation of her work.

Mrs. T. J. Lawrence, Ohio, was elected home secretary for interior.

Mrs. F. S. Mosher, Hillsdale, Mich., was elected secretary of Children's Department. Bureau of Intelligence, Miss Kate J. Anthony, Miss Emma C. Gifford. The following resolution on children's work was read by Mrs. F. S. Mosher and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the secretary of the children's work be instructed to organize Children's Bands or Missions within the Sunday-schools in all churches as far as possible.

2. That State Associations and Yearly Meetings be encouraged to invite her to attend Annual Conventions, by paying traveling expenses, for the purpose of duplicating this work in the State Associations and Yearly Meetings.

3. That ten dollars be appropriated for postage and printing.

Voted, That when we adjourn it shall be to 1.45 P. M. in church parlors, with "consolidation" as the special subject for discussion.

Report of nominating committee was received and after some changes was accepted and the officers were elected. [For complete list see first page of report.]

Records of board meetings for the year were read and approved, except the vote in regard to report of joint committee

Resolved, That the National F. B. Woman's Missionary Society continue its auxiliary relations with the National Council of Women for another year, and that the treasurer pay the yearly membership fee.

Voted, That Mrs. F. S. Mosher be sent a delegate to the next meeting of the National Council of Women.

Voted, That the election of delegate to the Missionary Convention, September, 1893, in Chicago, be referred to the board of managers.

Prayer by Mrs. M. G. Osgood, N. H.

Adjourned to 1.45 P. M.

Paige St. church, Oct. 8, 1.45 P. M. Meeting was called according to adjournment. In absence of secretary Mrs. A. C. McKoon, New York, was elected secretary *pro tem*. Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. C. McKoon.

At this time the secretary arrived, and oath of office was administered by Justice A. L. Russell.

The report of joint committee was then considered.

Article I. of report of joint committee was approved.

Articles II. and III. of report were laid upon the table.

The following resolution was read and adopted :

Whereas, action has been taken by Yearly Meeting and State Association societies representing a large part of our constituency adverse to discontinuance of the Woman's Missionary Society, and whereas the F. B. General Conference advise that the time has not come for the surrender of charters of Benevolent Societies ; therefore,

Resolved, That consolidation of this society with the F. B. General Conference is not at present practicable.

Articles II. and III. of report of joint committee were taken from the table.

Voted, Not to accept Articles II. and III. of report of joint committee.

To Articles II. and III. of the report of joint committee, the society *voted* to reply as follows :

That we are not prepared to advise General Conference regarding the matter proposed by the joint committee of our Benevolent Societies in Articles II. and III. of the recommendations, but recognizing that the make-up of the Conference Board is, under existing circumstances, generous towards woman, and recognizing the need of unification of denominational plans, we appoint a committee of three to receive propositions from the Conference Board regarding plans of work, and report to the society for further action.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. Monday.

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

Paige St. church, Oct. 10, 9 A. M. Meeting was called according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. M. Cate.

Records of two previous meetings were read and after some correction approved.

Voted, That the remainder of the records of the Board pertaining to Articles II. and III. of the report of joint committee be laid upon the table.

The following committee was appointed to receive propositions from the Conference Board regarding plans of our benevolent work: Mrs. M. M. Brewster, N. H., Mrs. M. A. Wade. Me., Mrs. N. A. Avery, N. H.

Report of the home secretary *pro tem* for New England was read and accepted.

Voted, That Mrs. A. R. Emery be appointed a committee to confer with Mrs. A. Lockhart, asking her to prepare the report of the home secretary for New England for the December *HELPER*.

Voted, That the matter pertaining to general secretary be referred to the Board.

Voted, That the report of publication committee be condensed for printing in the December *HELPER*.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. Tuesday, after prayer by Mrs. M. G. Osgood.

Paige St. church, Oct. 11, 9 A. M. Society met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Mrs. S. A. Porter. Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, That our annual meeting next year be holden on Monday evening at 7 o'clock, before the opening of the anniversaries on Tuesday.

Voted, That we rescind so much of the resolution regarding the joint committee report as reads "report to the society for further action."

Voted, That it now read "report to the board of managers."

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. M. M. H. Hills and adopted :

Resolved, That it is with regret that we receive the decision of Mrs. V. G. Ramsey to decline a re-election on our Woman's Board, and we tender her our warm sympathies for her repeated bereavements and her physical infirmities ; and, while thankful to God for her long and faithful labor in our work, we will pray that strength may yet be given her for future service.

The following resolutions, presented by Mrs. S. A. Porter, were adopted :

Whereas, the angel of death has again visited our circle and removed from our number a beloved sister ; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby place on record our profound sorrow that Mrs. Bessie D. Peckham has been called upon to relinquish the work so faithfully performed as a member of this society.

Resolved, That, while we most sincerely mourn the loss of her sweet presence and rare executive ability, yet we rejoice over the precious legacy she has left us in the influence from a royal Christian womanhood.

Resolved, That our deepest sympathies are most warmly tendered to her stricken companion and his motherless children in this time of their supreme affliction.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Mary A. Davis.

Adjourned.

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

[*Mrs. J. A. Lowell.*]

INDIA.

MIDNAPORE.—INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Miss Butts reports :—

Of the sixty pupils at present attending the Industrial School twelve are children of Christian parents ; the remainder consists of about an equal number of Hindu and Mohammedan boys, together with a few Santal boys. Two of the three teachers are Christians.

This school is upper primary in grade. This term, however, does not correspond to the same term as generally used in the United States. Pupils who pass in this grade are examined in the prose and poetical readers used in the schools, Bengali grammar, geography, native and European arithmetic, including decimal fractions and proportion, twenty-six propositions in geometry, mensuration of plane surfaces, history of Bengal, elements of physical science, and some work on sanitation. Boys are supposed to complete this course in seven years, but very few are sufficiently punctual and diligent to do this.

At Christmas the older pupils rendered an interesting exercise very creditably.

RAGGED SCHOOLS.

The condition and needs of these schools are about the same as reported last year. In the sixteen schools there are about four hundred pupils, sixty-five of whom are girls. In all of these schools a small Catechism, the Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and Christian hymns are committed to memory. The pupils are also required to study an excellent little book compiled by Dr. Nellie Phillips—the Temperance Catechism.

Sunday-schools are conducted by eight Christian teachers. On Sunday, during the session of the Bible school, two schools taught by Hindu teachers are visited by several of the students.

BIBLE WOMEN.

The Midnapore Bible women, Ramoni and Lottie, have seemed unusually interested in their work during the past year, and report an increased desire on the part of many to listen to Christian teaching. They have done faithful work.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

During the year wives of eight young men connected with the Bible school have been under instruction. For several months all have attended the daily Bible class conducted by Dr. Mary Bacheler for her zenana teachers and other workers. They all seem to be sincere Christians though some of them are still very ignorant.

MIDNAPORE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1892.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Bal. in hand July 1, 1891..	21	15	6	Teachers' salaries	502	8	
From W. M. S.	438	3	6	Materials for Industrial Dep't and other supplies	60	10	5
Gov't grant-in-aid.....	195			Repairs and taxes.	42	2	6
Industrial sales	52	6	9	Aid to poor children.....	29	15	
				Prizes.....	14	1	3
				Bal. in hand July 1, 1892..	58	4	7
Total Receipts....	707	9	9	Total.....	707	9	9

ZENANA WORK.

Dr. Mary Bacheler says :—

As in former years the zenana teachers have gone out singly, in couples, and in trios, each set accompanied by a chaperone.

The whole number taught during the year is about two hundred and twenty-five. There are a few Mohammedans among the pupils, but the large majority are Bengalis. All pupils are required to learn the Catechism, and a prize is given to each one who can answer all the questions. Religious in-

struction has been well received in the Hindu houses, but barely tolerated by the Mohammedan pupils.

A singing party who went from house to house singing Christian hymns was well received. The party consisted of girls from the Christian village school accompanied by the widow of Rev. Purna Chundra Bosu, who explained the hymns and talked to the women about them.

We hope during the ensuing year to establish sewing classes, as many of the young girls are anxious to learn to cut and sew.

MEDICAL.

About six thousand patients have been treated this year, though but a small number of these have been visited at their homes. Sometimes the sick have come from distances of fifteen or twenty miles; and one came thirty-six miles for a course of treatment. Though these distances may seem short to us, to those who walk, or come in the slowly moving bullock cart, they are long and tedious.

During the busy months, when fever, influenza, etc., were rife, a return to the house after a brief absence was usually the signal for a clamorous chorus from a waiting company; some in carts, some in litters, some in palanquins, and some on foot, the sick accompanied by several friends, and each little company giving good reason for receiving first attention.

We have sometimes given leaflets or tracts to those who can read, and these have been well received.

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Totals.
Cash, July 1, 1891.	138.4.0	133.53	133.53	133.53	133.53	133.53	158.10.6	158.10.6	158.10.6	172.7.3	172.7.3	172.7.3	739.2
W. M. S.	100.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	100.0.0	100.0.0	100.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	603.11.0
Gov't Grant....	2.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	24.0.0
Mrs. Munro....	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	12.0.0
Mrs. Scotland ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	12.0.0
Mrs. Pratt....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	12.0.0
Mrs. Ghose....	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	12.0.0
Mrs. Newbold....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	12.0.0
Mrs. Buchanan....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	6.0.0
Mr. Dey....	2.0.0	2.0.0	5.0.0	5.0.0	5.0.0	5.0.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.0.0
Miss Coombs....	20.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	20.0.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.0.0
Sundry.....	5.12.0	5.12.0	5.12.0	5.12.0	5.12.0	5.12.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.0.0
Fees.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.14.0	4.14.0	4.14.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	17.1.6
Totals.....	6.0.0	370.0.0	9.0.0.0	137.5.3	4.0.0	2.0.0	171.8.6	105.10.0	160.6.0	183.5.3	13.9.6	268.0.0	1403.5.8

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Totals.
Teachers.....	59.10.0	60.10.0	63.10.0	62.10.0	64.10.0	65.12.0	58.8.0	62.1.9	121.5.0	6.12.0	53.15.0	740.1.9	.....
Conveyances	40.11.0	5.5.0	39.13.6	48.5.0	40.15.0	45.9.0	40.12.6	39.6.0	44.15.9	70.15.0	32.5.0	17.9.6	509.2.9
Repairs .....	.....	40....	2.3.0	.....	.....	4.7.9	3.6.0	3.6.0	148.7.9	.....	10.10.9	162.2.0	.....
Sundries	1.14.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.6.3	1.9.0	4.6.9	10.5.3	2.0.3	5.6.6	37.6.0	.....
Totals.....	103.3.0	100.15.0	102.10.6	111.15.0	104.4.3	114.10.9	113.14.9	99.7.0	267.8.0	202.9.9	41.1.3	87.9.9	1448.13.0

BALASORE, SINCLAIR ORPHANAGE.

Miss Coombs reports :—

The care of the Orphanage, which at first seemed very burdensome, has gradually become much less so, as the girls and I have become acquainted with each other and I am accustomed to the work. During the year various diseases have appeared among us, such as measles, influenza, whooping-cough, but none proved severe. During the cholera epidemic we were very anxious, but escaped this terrible scourge. The general health of the girls has been excellent. One has died of heart-disease, two have married, and nine new ones have been admitted ; making the present number thirty-six.

During the special meetings conducted here in March by Mr. Hallam and Sachidananda Rai, our preacher from Midnapore, the girls became much interested and two of them were baptized. Others are evidently seeking, and will, I hope, ere long intelligently accept Christ. The influence of the meetings has been felt ever since, and has made the task of discipline much lighter.

The matron becoming old and inefficient necessitated a change, which has proved beneficial. The day school made up of the girls of the Orphanage and of the Christian community, besides three Hindu girls from the lowest castes, numbers eighty.

It has been pleasant to notice the entire absence of any exhibition of contempt toward these last, but rather a friendliness very gratifying. This school is considered one of the first girls' schools in the district. Two of the pupils are drawing scholarships from government, gained last year at the examinations ; and of the eleven who this year took the examinations nine passed in the first divisions.

Six Bible women, two in Jellasore and four in Balasore, are under my care. The two in Jellasore and two of those here are supported by funds received from the English I. F. U. Society. Of the other two our Woman's Missionary Society

supports one and a gentleman in New Hampshire the other. Although I am unable to go out with these women each month I take their reports and pray with them, and also now and then confer with them in regard to the work and its needs.

The Bible class for the Bible women teachers, as well as a few others, still devolves on me. This service is held each Monday morning in the chapel, and proves deeply interesting.

I had charge also of one of the Sabbath-schools connected with Mrs. Boyer's Hindu girls' schools, but during the cholera episode this school had to be closed. It will doubtless open again soon. The pupils there were so very bright and attentive that it was a delight to teach them. I have a class of young ladies in our own Sabbath-school at the chapel.

There is likely to be quite a change in our mission force during the coming year, and Balasore would be left nearly empty if all those who imperatively need a change should leave, as well as those entitled to a furlough. But *somebody* must stay, else double and triple burdens will fall on the few left. Will it not be possible to send some new one with Mrs. Smith? Work that has been begun and carried on when there was a comparatively full staff of workers cannot be properly cared for when that staff has dwindled to such proportions as ours will when those going on furlough shall leave the field.

When Ida Phillips was here the Hindu girls' school devolved on her; Hattie had the care of the zenanas, and Miss Hooper her Bible women and some schools. Now all these are put together, and, besides several minor matters that cannot be entirely overlooked, one person staggers along under the burden.

Where are the young women who have made the same promises, as have so many young men, to go to the foreign field if called? Not one called? That cannot be when the need for help is so urgent and growing more and more so. The Master must have said to some, "Go." Can it be that they have answered, "I go, sir," and went not?

Mr. Griffin and his family will leave in the spring. Nellie Phillips, with her furlough due a year ago, has been bravely trying to carry not only her own, but the burdens of others, till compelled from sheer exhaustion to give up her medical work. She *must* go home in the spring. Mrs. Boyer is now in Calcutta with her little Rilla under the doctor's care, who says she can never be brought up in this country. She may be saved now, but it would be a continual fight for her life here. She is a dear little thing, but an exceedingly frail child. Dear Mrs. Boyer! She is so devoted to her boys in the Orphanage, and has so strong a hold upon them, that it will be a sore trial for her to leave. Poor woman! She has changed wonderfully during the few years she has been here. When she came she was so bright and fresh in her almost girlish beauty; now in widow's weeds her worn face plainly shows the trials through which she has passed.

My own health is being wonderfully kept. After Miss Hooper's illness during the hot weather, in the midst of the severe drought and the cholera episode, I must own that I was "nervous;" which word embraces a multitude of sins. But that glad day when our first hard shower came it seemed as though I could feel my nerves relax; and my whole being gave a sigh of relief. This change in the atmosphere, with a couple of weeks of entire rest in Calcutta, greatly benefited me.

L. C. COOMBS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE W. M. S., FOR 1891-92.

RECEIPTS.	RS.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	RS.	A.	P.
Woman's Society.....	1708		5	Deficit July 1, 1891.....	71	1	8
E. Randolph, Vt.	36	2	6	Orphanage expenses.....	1403		8
Hopkinton, N. Y.	1	6	3	Assistant's salary.....	223	6	
H. Jackson, N. Y.	1	7		Teachers' salaries.....	351	10	6
Misses Belyea, for two orphans.....	113	8	6	Bible Woman	60	7	6
Miss Taylor, Calcutta, for one orphan.....	36			Hanson School.....	60		3
Friend	2	11	8	Medicines and Medical at- tendance	58		
F. M. treasurer	189			Books, periodicals, etc.	34	6	
Gov't grant-in-aid.....	419			Repairs	180	8	6
Dr. N. Phillips (to help clean tanks)	50			Cleaning tanks	106	10	3
	2557	4	4	Bal. on hand July 1, '92.....	7	14	3
					2557	4	4

BALASORE ZENANAS.

Dr. Nellie Phillips writes :—

Our zenana pupils resemble the ancient Gauls in that they differ among themselves in language, institutions, and laws. The majority are Orthodox Hindus, who speak Oriya or Bengali. A sixth of the population of the place are Mussulmen, whose language is Urdo. Among them we have very interesting pupils ; but, being obliged to acquire a working familiarity with both Oriya and Bengali, we foreigners hardly have courage to attempt a third Oriental language : hence our work among the Mohammedans suffers the disadvantage of being carried on in a language (the Oriya or Bengali) but imperfectly understood by both teacher and pupil.

As to religion, in addition to Mohammedans and Orthodox Hindus, we have Aleeks and Brahmos, sects of reformed Hindus who have discarded idolatry. In caste our pupils are everything from the twice-born Brahmin to the despised sweeper.

During the past year nine teachers have been employed. The present number of pupils is 135. We meet very little opposition to religious teaching, less among Hindus than Mohammedans, to whom Christ the Son of God is a great stumbling-block. Again and again with ill-disguised contempt they ask, " Did God marry and have a son ? "

The amount of time one might profitably spend in personal work in the zenanas is almost unlimited. I never complete the circuit of the more than a hundred homes on my list without resolving to go oftener, stay longer, and give more time to impressing upon the mind of each pupil the personal need of a Saviour. But there are so many matters suffering for more time, more labor, that one often becomes confused and is in doubt which duty to take up first.

I wish it were possible for our young women at home to know how much some of them are needed here, and how

much *they* need the spiritual growth they might gain from work for Christ among these benighted ones.

BALASORE ZENANAS FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1892.

EXPENDITURES.	DR.			CR.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
To Teachers	849	5	9			
“ Conveyances	414	5	1			
“ Books..	10	1	6			
“ Postage.....	1	12	5			
“ Rewards.....	7	8				
“ Balance in hand July 1, 1892.....	403	9	7			
RECEIPTS.						
By Balance in hand July 1, 1891.....				241	3	6
“ Books				8	3	
“ Fees				10	11	13
“ Station subscriptions.....				80		
“ Women’s Board				589	2	3
“ Dispensary for use of zenana conveyances				72		
“ Sale of zenana property				25	6	6
“ Gov’t grant for 10 months.....				250		
“ Gov’t grant for 2 months due.....				50		
	1326	10	4	1326	10	4

BALASORE HINDU GIRLS’ SCHOOLS.

Miss Phillips says :—

Mrs. Boyer has done the greater part of the work for the year, but as the year closes with the schools in my hands it falls to me to report. There are now ten schools including seven reported in previous years and three additional taken from Miss Hooper when she sailed for America. The present number of pupils is three hundred and forty. The result of the last government examination was encouraging, fifteen having passed the lower primary and one the upper primary standard. Comparatively few of the children remain in school long enough to attempt any examination.

Besides daily religious instruction in all the schools Sunday-schools are sustained in five of them ; that is, in as many as are near enough to town to be regularly reached. This Sabbath-school work we find very interesting and are much assisted in it by the large pictures published in Philadelphia to accom-

pany the International Sunday-school lessons. We use chiefly the New Testament lessons, and it is interesting to see how quickly the children will point out what to them is the chief figure, the Christ, in every new picture. We have faith to believe that our efforts to find for him the chief place in their hearts is not in vain ; for, though most of them leave our instruction while very young, they make bright, intelligent child-wives who retain happy memories of their early teaching. We believe this teaching to be already showing practical fruits in not a few homes, in the habit of prayer, in freedom from idolatry and many of the grosser sins of heathenism ; while some, at least, of the children seem at heart real Christians.

BALASORE SCHOOLS FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1892.

EXPENDITURES.	DR.			CR.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Balance	11	11	11			
" Postage.....	2	7	6			
" School-house repairs and furniture	108	15	6			
" Books	8	8	11			
" Teachers.....	1150	6	6			
" Garry hire	35	2				
" Prizes and presents	106	3				
" Examination expenses	6	4				
" Rent and taxes	10	8	6			
" Balance.....	20	15				
RECEIPTS.						
By Gov't grant 10 months.....				300		
" Municipal grant.....				144		
" Local Board grant.....				115		
" Women's Board, America.....				775	5	4
" Contribution for prizes				41		
" Sale of Sanitary Primer				7	13	6
" Various grants-in-aid due to July 1, 1892 (not collected)				138		
	1521	2	10	1521	2	10

Of the Jellasore work Miss Phillips states that it is partly in her hands and partly in Mrs. Brown's. She adds, " I hope to make it over to her entirely as soon as she is able to attend to it. The Jellasore schools have suffered much from not having some one at the station to attend to them constantly. One of the girls' schools has been closed and another opened where

there was promise of greater success. There are now sixteen schools in operation in and about Jellasore and Santipore. Several of these are among the Santals, where the work is very encouraging. These schools are supported by government, by Ohio, by the allowance from the Woman's Society, and by special gifts from friends."

BHUDRUCK.

Mrs. Ager says :—

The work in this station has been carried on as in previous years, the Bible women going out by twos visiting different houses in the neighborhood. I have bought a shigram and pair of bullocks, and now the women will be able to go farther into the country to tell their heathen sisters of a Saviour's love. In June, as Mr. Ager was appointed to carry on the repairs to the High School building, we were located at Balasore ; but the work was carried on faithfully during our absence. In February we returned. One of the schools had to be closed, as the teacher (a Hindu) was not doing his duty ; but I have been asked to open another at a nearer place. The Sabbath-school is going on as usual. This year each child received a cloth and a toy for regular attendance. Here let me thank the good friends at Great Falls for sending the money which almost paid for the cloth.

JULY 1, 1891, TO JUNE 30, 1892, ANNUAL REPORT TO WOMAN'S BOARD.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on hand from last acct.....	65	8	11	Wages for Ludia	66		
From W. M. S.....	110	7	5	Eliza	66		
A friend for Ludia.....	113	4	10	Ella.	72		
For native teachers	90	6	10	Bible women's asst. ...	24		
Gov't grant for Pudhampore School	60			Teacher Pudhampore School	48		
Gift from Mrs. Coldren..	36			Com. on money orders ..	2	7	8
Gift for S. S. children...	14	13	6	Gifts to S. S. children....	16	7	6
				Expenses to attend Y. M. Purchase of shigram and bullocks.....	6		
				Cost of bringing ditto from Cuttack	5	14	
				Balance on hand.....	63	12	
	490	9	6		490	9	6

RETURN OF MISSIONARIES.

All interested in the work of this society will rejoice to have learned of the expected early return of Mrs. Smith and Miss Hattie Phillips to their fields of labor. Though it is evident that a year's furlough is far from being sufficient to restore tone to the system of one who has experienced the enervating effects of an Indian climate for long years, yet the work is so pressing and the necessity of rest for both Miss Coombs and Miss Nellie Phillips so urgent that Mrs. Smith cheerfully yields to what seems to her the call of duty.

Miss Hattie would gladly have returned a year since had not her physician imperatively forbidden it. With what thankful joy they will be welcomed to their old homes all can readily imagine. But even with this reinforcement unless more help is sent much needful work must be neglected. Where are our young volunteers ready to respond to the bugle-call ringing so loudly all along the line? While we rejoice that in other divisions of the Master's army this call is being so promptly and cheerfully obeyed, must we look in vain to our own ranks to hear the response, "Here am I, send me?"

And not alone for laborers are the calls so urgent, but for means to send and support these laborers. While duty does not call all to the foreign field it does demand that we each do our part in carrying on this grand work of evangelization both at home and abroad. Let no one be satisfied until it can be truthfully said of her, as of one of old, "She hath done what she could."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH MRS. HALLAM.

DR.	RS.	A.	P.	CR.	RS.	A.	P.
July '91, To cash on hand .	14	9	7	By paid one teacher for 10 months at Rs. 6 per mo..	60		
W. M. S. Wisconsin..	34	11	10	By paid one asst. for 9½ mo. at Rs. 2 per mo.	19		
from Miss Coombs ...	25	14	9	Bal. on hand July 1, 1892 ..	80	12	11
Oct. '91, " " " ...	26	11	10		159	12	11
Jan. '92, " " " ...	27	11	6				
Apr. '92, " " " ...	30	1	5				
	159	12	11				

N. B.—The work was stopped for a few weeks on account of cholera being in the villages; also, on account of quarreling among the workers, the work was hindered and they were forbidden to go out according to a rule in our society.

ACCOUNT OF MIDNAPORE RAGGED SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1892.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Appro. from W. M. S.	590	3	5	Balance due July 1, 1891 ..	17	11	3
Local Gov't aid	387	8		Teachers' salaries ..	847	6	
S. S., Brockton, Mass., for Brockton school.....	109	10	4	Inspector's salary and ex- penses	66	5	
Auxiliary, Sutton, Vt., for Harris School.....	79		2	Conveyances	74	6	6
Friends, Strathallan, Ont., for Modhu Das, teacher,	43	3	3	Rents, taxes, and repairs ..	60		9
Sale of old garry.....	10			To replace books, etc., de- stroyed by fire	15		
				Prizes and Christian liter- ature	9	4	
				Contingencies	11	10	
				Transferred to Bible Women's Account.....	78	12	6
				Balance in hand July 1, '92	33	1	2
	1219	9	2		1219	9	2

MIDNAPORE BIBLE WOMEN'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Appro. from W. M. S. .	221	8		Bible women's salaries ..	248		
Aux. Sutton, Vt., for Poddie	59	6		Conveyances	69	6	6
Miss Coombs	25			Repairs on Bible women's houses	40		
Transferred from Ragged School account to bal....	78	12	6	Extra cold season ex- penses	11	4	
	384	10	6	Tracts and other Christian literature	10		
				Contingencies	6		
					384	10	6

HARPER'S FERRY.

STORER COLLEGE.

Mrs. Lightner reports :—

As the years go by I learn more fully the importance of the discipline of school life in the formation of character. All young people need this. The regular hours for study, recitation, meals, and retiring, practised month after month, have an influence upon them that is never lost. Those who cannot submit to wholesome rules soon drift away from us ; the others remain until well fitted for usefulness. If, in addition to a

trained mind, a skilled hand, and good habits, the foundation for a consistent Christian life is laid here, then are we indeed happy as we send our pupils forth to do their part of the world's work.

One, the object of much solicitude while here, writes, "Everyone says I am indeed a changed girl and that the school did me much good. I have been taken into full membership in our church. I have tried to act a lady ever since I left Storer. I want to come back the first week in October. I have taken your advice and am going to make something of myself."

Beside all waters is the good seed being sown. Who can tell which shall prosper?

The conditions of our summer-boarding since my last report have not changed except to increase in proportions and importance. Myrtle Hall is in good repair, painted inside and out. One large porch has been added to Anthony Hall, and painting and other improvements added to Lincoln Hall.

During the excessive heat of July and August Harper's Ferry was not only a resort but a refuge, where tired men and women as well as delicate children escaped the ills usually accompanying such extreme heat. Many blessed the cooling breezes and life-giving air of our beautiful heights.

The deportment of our pupils won the highest praise. The stranger from the North or South is impressed by the appearance of our former pupils as he meets them at the station, on the streets, in their own homes, or at whatever post of duty they are placed. We hope the influence of the school is thus extended each year. It is an absolute necessity that from some source an endowment must come. We can only live by practising the closest economy. The small income from the State of six hundred dollars has been cut off. In addition to this the town council has ordered that a pavement shall be laid in front of our lots. It will be very pleasant to have the pavement, but it will cost us nearly a thousand dollars.

We had hoped to be able this year to surround our pupils

with some of the refinements of life. Only the bare necessities have they had in the past ; but we must wait yet longer for these things. But give us, we beg, the means to extend our Industrial Department, to go on with our class work, to keep our pupils supplied with books and papers, and thus give them a chance to help themselves to privileges that are worth more than life to them.

THE SEWING DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Boothby says :—

During the last year our work in this department has gone on step by step. We have five classes each day which are in all stages of the work from those who have not attained the accomplishment of using a thimble to those who are cutting and fitting garments. At first some of the girls wanted to wear their thimbles on the index finger of the left hand, while others objected to wearing them at all, on the plea that they were in the way.

The first time mending was given to a class of large girls nearly all said they never had mended and knew nothing about it. The mothers are anxious they should learn ; even if these mothers understood sewing themselves, engaged as they are in cooking and washing, they would have no time to teach their children.

At the close of the school most of the girls in all the classes sewed "right smart," while the cutting and fitting class did "mighty well." During the vacation they will be able to make practical use of their knowledge. Indeed already a few have gone out into the world to earn their own living by doing dressmaking.

Thursday of each week is devoted to mending and is the most important day of the week ; for with these people a "snag" is unnoticed, and a torn article of dress, unless the wearer is instructed in the art of repairing, is liable to remain in that condition so long as it holds together. Where a large majority of the mothers have had no training in this direction,

it is evident that it will add greatly to the comfort of the homes to have the daughters able to make and repair garments needed for the household.

Miss Franklin writes :—

“The very needs of the people inspired me to work.” These words came from the lips of one of “our girls” who had just returned from her first school. She had found so much to do that the very magnitude of her task had given her encouragement. It had taken but a brief time for her to learn the lesson which sooner or later sinks deep into the heart of each true Christian worker—that discouragements must not discourage, unfavorable conditions must not appall, misunderstandings must be bravely endured, and even downright failures be followed by renewed effort. Year after year this has been our experience at Harper’s Ferry, and year by year our full reward has come as we count in swelling numbers the fresh young spirits who go out from the school rejoicing in their ability to help in the work of uplifting their fellow-men.

The number of students during the past year has been less than in some previous years, but a larger proportion have remained throughout the school year than ever before. This fact is a gratifying one ; for many, many times a regretful handshake has been given to some poor student who, his money having given out, has felt himself obliged long before the close of the year to go back to his work to obtain another little fund sufficient to continue his studies. The saving which a warm and light study room free to all gives in the course of a year adds several weeks to the time which a self-supporting student is able to remain in school. This plan now in use in both halls embodies the philosophy of the “greatest good to the highest number.”

The condition of our church here so long without a pastor speaks for itself in the inestimable loss which thus comes to the school. The mental gymnastics which our principal is obliged to practise in order to arrange some form of service

for each Sunday evening are of slight importance when compared with the loss to the institution. The example of a whole-souled consecrated Christian minister would be of great value to the students, and the impetus which his oversight might give to the churches in the valley is sadly needed. The position is one requiring special gifts. Our prayer has long been that God would send one of his "chosen" to fill it.

This spring three of our former students graduated from the Howard Medical School in Washington. One of these, who stood very near the head of a large class, has spent the summer practising in the Freedman's Hospital. The large audience gathered with us on Commencement Day listened in pleased silence to the well chosen words addressed to the class of eighteen graduates by Dr. Ball.

In the sewing-room, where specimens of work were critically examined by both men and women visitors, many expressions of approval were heard. Specimens of carpentry and cabinet-making testified to the skill and care characterizing the instruction in that department; and the neatly printed programs for the public exercises evidenced the work of the printing-room.

Industrial work bids fair to become a craze in these days, but it is easy to see that no factor has entered into the Southern education problem which has evolved better results. Our young men learn trades in the school that they could learn nowhere else. Our young women acquire a knowledge of matters that will enable them to make comfortable and beautiful homes—a nation's bulwark always. Teach a girl to keep house and to sew, as you teach her to read and to write, and you are training a home-keeper.

It is, if possible, more and more apparent year by year that Storer College is situated in the right place and has the right object. Will not the denomination furnish the means to forward the interests of the schools? Are the Free Baptists to let their institution fall far behind those of other denominations

in these whitened harvest-fields? Anxious hearts here have long hoped that the school might reach a point where its income would suffice to pay teachers' salaries as well as defray other necessary expenses. As yet this hope has not been realized. Oh that brighter prospects may await us in the near future! Oh that permanent help may soon be given from some God-directed source!

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES.

[For New England.]

MAINE.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. R. WADE, DOVER, ME.; SECRETARY, MRS. A. B. WEBBER, N. BERWICK, ME.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.							Amount Raised.
		No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	
Anson	Mrs. Lydia Durrell	18	2	1	22	.....	18	\$45.24
Aroostook	Charles Preble	10	4	1	24	22	.....	45.00
Bowdoin	Mrs. Addie Purinton	30	11	3	295	50	98	373.50
Cumberland.....	Mrs. O. W. Fullam	25	10	4	200	100	100	282.85
Edgecomb.....	No organization	10	1	.....	8	.....	.....
Ellsworth	Mrs. Ella M. Smith	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Exeter	Mrs. E. L. Tasker	19	7	2	.....	.....	25	91.30
Farmington.....	Mrs. C. E. Tedford	19	5	.....	50	.....	15	60.75
Houlton	Mrs. Henry Hall	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	
Montville	Mrs. Sadie H. Cotton	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otisfield	Mrs. E. H. Abbott	12	3	2	42	24	20	66.34
Parsonfield	Ellen M. Brown	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prospect and Unity.....	Mrs. W. H. Coffin	10	1	.....	33	.....	4	50.00
Springfield	Mrs. Mary E. Whitney	5	1	.....	36	.....	4	28.00
Sebec	Mrs. F. E. Freese	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77.51
Waterville	Mrs. Helen Lamb Dodge	11	3	.....	36	.....	2	
York	Mrs. H. C. Lowden	14	6	.....	123	.....	52	174.47
	Total	254	53	13	901	262	343	\$1294.96

Our dear Sister Peckham lived to see the fruition of her hopes for the mission interest in Bowdoin Quarterly Meeting. It was organized little less than one year ago. The officers

chosen have the work at heart, and advance steps have been taken, as shown by the report.

We are glad to write the name of the secretary instead of the words "no organization" against the Waterville Q. M. also. This case goes to prove what one faithful worker is able to accomplish in the Master's cause. We hope we may be able to report next year an organized society in the Edgecomb Q. M. Let every Christian woman in that Q. M. consider the work her own; and let the one Auxiliary in the Q. M. widen its circle to include many other churches.

It is very necessary that those having in hand the direction of affairs thoroughly understand the condition of the work and how it is moving on. This is possible only as each local and under officer is faithfully careful about reporting facts and figures coming under his office. A correct knowledge of what has been done is necessary to and must come before intelligent planning for the work. There are *facts* in every case; *get them, preserve them, report them.*

While some of our Auxiliaries have adopted other work most of them make their specialty the support of Miss Coombs in India and Mrs. Boothby at Harper's Ferry.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. G. OSGOOD, ALTON, N. H.; SECRETARY, MRS. MINNIE B. HUNT, DANVILLE, N. H.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised
Belknap	Lizzie A. Sanborn.....	7	1	125	95	70		\$301.02
Lisbon.....	Mrs. M. E. Dodge.....	2	1	40	10	28		39.70
Merrimack Valley Asso.	Mr. G. S. Holmes							
New Durham.	Mrs. M. G. Osgood.. .	6	1	103	16	45		250.00
Rockingham..	Mrs. C. A. Durgin.....	6	1	152	30	81		433.12
Sandwich....	Mrs. C. E. Blake	3	2	50	64	45		106.88
Wentworth....	No organization.....							1.00
Wolborow....	Mrs. Julia F. Pray	1		8		12		29.83
	Total	25	6	478	215	281		\$1161.55

The especial work undertaken by this State is the support of Miss Butts in India and Mrs. Lightner at Harper's Ferry. While some advance has been made in organizing one Q. M. secretary writes, "I think there is much need of organizing work. One having the matter at heart might help much in this direction." Besides the work of the State society many Auxiliaries report especial interests helped—such as sending bedding to Harper's Ferry, aid to Parker College and to Balasore High School. An increased number report the observance of the first Sunday evening in the month in the interest of missions.

VERMONT.

VERMONT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. CHESTER DICKEY, WASHINGTON, VT.; SECRETARY, MISS ANNA A. CUMMINGS, MONTPELIER, VT.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Corinth	Mrs. Chester Dickey	7	5	1	40	20	10	\$62.95
Wheelock....	Mrs. G. M. Prescott.....	17	5	...	40	...	12	169.16
Huntington...	Mrs. E. W. Cummings.....	12	3	1	15	10	8	72.25
Enosburgh...	Mrs. J. W. Burgin.....	2	2	...	10	...	4	25.00
Stanstead.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Strafford.....	Mrs. J. S. Barrett.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.31
	Y. M. collection .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	41	18	2	105	30	34	\$382.67

MASSACHUSETTS.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. T. EMERY, BOSTON, MASS.; SECRETARY, MRS. A. A. HOWARD, LOWELL, MASS.

Number of churches in Association.....	14
Number of Auxiliaries.....	5
Number of Bands.....	2
Number of members of Auxiliaries.....	194
Number of Helpers taken	197

Churches having no Auxiliaries contribute to the funds of the W. M. S. In the Whitman church one meeting each quarter is devoted to the work. Throughout all the churches there is a deepening of interest in missions.

RHODE ISLAND.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT.—PRESIDENT, MRS. ELLA H. ANDREWS, PROVIDENCE; SECRETARY, MRS. ELLA EVANS STANTON, PROVIDENCE.

Number of churches in Association.....	27
Number of Auxiliaries.....	13
Number of members in Auxiliaries	298
Number of Young People's Societies	4
Number members in Young People's Societies	175
Number of Children's Bands	10
Number of members in Bands	225
Number of Helpers taken.....	258
Amount raised	\$1,150.00

Some of the above figures may not be *exact*; for, as all secretaries know, returns from local societies are not always complete. Rhode Island is truly only "*Little Rhody*," yet our society endeavors to do aggressive work. We aim to let no year pass without our having taken some advance steps. During the year now closing we have gained *one* Auxiliary and *one* Children's Band. Seeing the need of having more work done among the children we elected in May of this year a new officer to be known as "Secretary of Children's Work." This departure has already shown good results and gives promise for the future. It has been a noticeable feature of our work that our money has been raised more easily and represents more churches than during some other years.

The Thank Offering Meetings held in June proved helpful both to our treasury and to the spiritual life of our society.

In view of the fact that the foundations of the Woman's Society have been *terribly* shaken during two or three years past we feel especially grateful that our District Society has been able to hold its footing, and more—to move onward. When in the providence of God we shall be let to stand on a firm foundation we shall hope for still better things.

[*Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, for West and South.*]

INDIANA.

INDIANA ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. F. M. WATKINS, WOLF LAKE, IND.; SECRETARY, MISS CORA JAQUETH, WRIGHT'S CORNERS, IND.; TREASURER, MRS. B. FURGUSON, RENNSELAER, IND.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Lagrange	Mrs. Ann Atwater, Lagrange, Ind.....	6	5	55	12	\$86.87		
Noble	Mrs. Jennie Ingraham, Wolf Lake	5	3	30	6	124.01		
White.....	.....	5	2	30	1	105.00		
Ripley	Not organized							
Salem	Not organized							
	Total	16	10	115	19	\$315.88		

A good report comes from Indiana. The money is divided by the card system. The home money goes for State work.

ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. LIMBERGAR; SECRETARY, MRS. SARAH THAYER, MENDON, ILL.; TREASURER, MRS. E. J. REES, KINGSTON, ILL.

Collected by Miss Barnes \$40.66
Whole amount raised 50.66

Our agent, Emilie E. Barnes, has during the summer visited three Quarterly Meetings (the Rock River, Fox River, and Prairie City) and eleven churches. She helped to reorganize two Auxiliaries (one at Herbert and one at Prairie City). She took thirty-two subscribers for the MISSIONARY HELPER and sold several manuals.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. HATTIE GORDON, CAMPBELL HILL, ILL; SECRETARY, MISS ANNIE WILEY, MARION, ILL.; TREASURER, MRS. JENNIE RICE, TAMAROA, ILL.

Number of Auxiliaries	3
Number of members	17
Number of Helpers taken	3
Money raised.....	\$108.45

Ava also reports a flourishing Home Missionary Society which has raised \$95.15 this year. Secretary, Mary J. Carr.

There are seven other Auxiliaries which have not reported. The president writes, "We feel more encouraged than ever. While we have done little that little has helped and strengthened us perhaps even more than others whom we have been striving to help." The new secretary is entering upon the work with much zeal.

IOWA.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. THERA B. TRUE, EDGEWOOD, CLAYTON CO., IA.; SECRETARY, MISS M. V. TOOTHAKER, GLENDALE, JEFFERSON CO., IA.; TREASURER, MRS. H. J. BROWN, SPENCER, CLAY CO., IA.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Help-ers taken.	Amount Raised.
Delaware and Clayton.....	Mrs. Thera B. True.....	9	4	3	44	69	30	\$138.42
Little Sioux Valley	Mrs. L. M. Calkins.....	6	4	1	150	40	20	207.02
Wapsipinicon.	Mrs. Mary Cattell	7	2	...	30	...	2	50.00
Waterloo.....	Mrs. D. A. Shaw.....	7	2	1	33	14	11	97.83
Ringgold Co.	Mrs. Jennie Hitchcock..	3	1	1	25	40	1	100.00
Cedar Valley..	Mrs. N. B. Willson.....	8	8	...	179	...	30	225.74
Van Buren....	Miss M. V. Toothaker...	4	1	...	12	...	8	25.00
	Y. M. collection.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.10
Total		44	22	6	473	163	102	\$855.11

Iowa continues the support of Mrs. Miner and also gives efficient help in State work.

KANSAS.

NORTHERN KANSAS YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. N. L. ABBEY, HALF WAY, KAN.; SECRETARY, MRS. N. A. SPAULDING, HADDAM, KAN.; TREASURER, MRS. L. A. OWEN.

Salem Q. M. has three Auxiliaries and one Mission Band.

Money raised.....	\$73.13
Cloud and Republic Q. M. has four Auxiliaries. Money raised	60.85
Clear Fork Auxiliary in the Blue Earth Q. M. raised.....	53.36
Hickory Grove Auxiliary in Washington Q. M. raised	10.90
Y. M. collection	6.41
Total	\$204.65

MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. A. W. BACHELDER,
HILSDALE; SECRETARY, MRS. E. J. FRENCH, HOMER; TREASURER, MISS
LOMA GARWOOD, BROWNSVILLE.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Grand Rapids.	Mrs. F. Bailey.....							\$172.25
Hillsdale.....	Miss Ada Davis							436.87
Van Buren....	Mrs. G. W. Myers.....							87.49
Calhoun and N. Branch...	Mrs. Theo. Cook.....							57.05
River Raisin .	Miss Stella English.....							20.73
Cass & Berrien	Mrs. Senie Hutton.....							62.52
Genesee	Mrs. E. N. Wheeler.....							115.78
Branch .....	.....							15.00
Holt and White River	Mrs. Julia Keyes.....							16.37
Sanilac	Mrs. E. Pattan							23.58
Oxford .....	.....							17.28
Montcalm.....	Mrs. Emily Fuller.....							11.15
Lansing.....	.....							19.65
	State Asso. collection							5.51
	Yearly Meeting collection							7.35
	Mrs. Burlingame's col.....							13.26
	Total	30	20	546	296			\$1081.84

Full reports have not been received from some of the Q. M's. The money unless otherwise specified is divided by the card system. The foreign mission money goes for the support of Dr. Mary Bacheler. Of the home money a part is sent to the Woman's Society and a part given to State work. Miss Lizzie Moody acted as agent of the W. M. S. from July 27 to Sept. 9. She traveled over one thousand miles, held thirty-four meetings, attended two Quarterly Meetings besides addressing several Sunday-schools and other meetings. Her collections were \$63.04. This is reckoned in with the mission money of the Q. M's where it was taken. Our general agent visited a few of the churches; the Lansing Q. M. and St. Joseph's Valley Yearly Meeting everywhere doing good.

MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. H. C. KEITH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.; SECRETARY, MRS. C. W. DENNIS, MONEY CREEK, MINN.; TREASURER, MRS. R. D. FROST, WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Winnebago...	Mrs. W. N. Hathaway...	12	10	2	138	72	25	\$930.23
South Dakota.	Mrs. R. N. Palmer.....	4	3	1	45	40	17	633.06
Winona and Houston....	Mrs. A. B. Quimby.....	3	4	1	48	46	19	152.81
Hennepin.....	Mrs. Dennis Day	8	4	1	64	18	50	305.72
St. Croix	Mrs. N. A. Taylor.....	7	1	.....	11	.....	.....	13.75
	Yearly Meeting collection	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.92
	Total	34	22	5	306	176	111	\$2054.49

Special attention should be called to this splendid report of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Minnesota Yearly Meeting, which includes that of South Dakota Q. M.

NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. H. R. MURPHY, KENESAW, NEB.; SECRETARY, MRS. MCPHERSON, GENEVA, NEB.; TREASURER, MRS. J. C. DAZEY, GENEVA, NEB.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Nemaha.....	Mrs. H. R. Murphy	4	4	2	62	45	19	\$450.87
Aurora.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.65
Hastings.....	Mrs. Etta Carr	6	2	.....	.....	25	6	70.00
	Total	12	8	2	62	70	25	\$522.52

The secretary was unable to get full reports, but this shows progress.

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. ALICE HULSE, WHITEWATER, WIS.; SECRETARY, MRS. W. K. JACKSON, RACINE, WIS.

As the secretary failed to receive the blank sent no report is received. Our sisters are still working for the support of

Mr. and Mrs. Coldren. Winneconne has a society Auxiliary to the Woman's Society.

No report has been received from Missouri, but we learn from the *HELPER* that something is being done there. A voice has also been heard from Oregon. Nothing has told like the work of the consecrated women who have been out as agents. We urge more work of this kind both by the States and the general society. The work is broadening much more than mere money statistics can show. New laborers are constantly coming to the front. Never before have there been so many letters from the different States, and never before has such earnestness of purpose been displayed. We thank God and take courage.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE OF THE MISSIONARY HELPER.

The work of our editor is too well known to need any words of commendation. She has appealed to you many times through the pages of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, has sat at your firesides met you in your assemblies, and has instructed, counseled, encouraged, and stimulated you to more earnest effort in the cause of missions.

We have confidence in our publisher regarding both ability and desire to carry on the work intrusted to her to the largest and best results, and especially her endeavor to keep the magazine from debt. To promote the highest efficiency of the work there should be an advanced movement—a loyalty among the members of the Free Baptist Women's Missionary Society to sustain their own.

"There is due the *HELPER* from *subscribers* for magazine to date, Sept. 1, 1892, \$358.31. We estimate that we *lose* about \$100 each year from *delinquent subscribers*. There is at present a *deficit* of \$312.59, which has accumulated during the last *three years* and represents just about the amount *lost*

from those who fail to pay after a notice of their arrearage has been sent them. About two hundred notices were sent out last year to delinquents, and less than half responded. Many who do reply order their magazine discontinued."

We need a prompt, systematic canvassing for the *HELPER* in every Yearly and Quarterly Meeting and Auxiliary. An agent should be selected for her adaptation to this special service—systematic, thorough, and persistent work.

Another obstacle to overcome is, indifference to missions—disinterestedness on the part of pastors and failure to present the wants of needy fields at home and abroad. Some pastors, however, are loyal and noble exceptions. We greatly need the co-operation of all in infusing the missionary spirit and promoting the legitimate growth of the magazine. It is a question of much moment, How shall we enlist the *interest* and *sympathy* of *ministers, pastors* of churches, and *professed Christians*? Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon!

The committee have considered the matters intrusted to them with care and with the sole desire to promote the best interests of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. They have been anxious that the magazine should be self-sustaining; have themselves subscribed for and distributed a good number of copies of the *HELPER*, sending to teachers in the South and elsewhere.

Two thousand leaflets have been prepared to be folded and sent in envelopes in correspondence, calling attention to the magazine and soliciting subscriptions. The committee have earnestly endeavored to secure advertisements; but with small success, owing to the limited circulation of the magazine.

In closing we would echo the words of Marilla Marks Brewster in her first editorial, January, 1878. She says, "I send you the first number of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. It comes to you asking to be received into your hearts and used as though all your own. It has been born of a positive conviction that

the dear Master whom we serve wants just this work undertaken. Voices from the East and West have said, 'We need you'; while from over the seas there comes constantly the cry, 'Tell the women of the churches that we sit in darkness.' Will you not so give aid and comfort to this little one that it may become nurtured by your prayers and sympathies and material aid, a real power in the work to which God has called the women of this denomination? If you shall help it, and God help it, *it will succeed.*"

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Publication Committee.

SUSAN E. DAVISON, Sec.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING AGENT OF THE
MISSIONARY HELPER.

The annual reports of the Publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER may seem to be but a repetition of each other, and yet it is well for us sometimes to repeat. From opinions expressed by our subscribers through correspondence it appears that the HELPER is a welcome visitor and a real helper to its readers. As nearly as we can judge the magazine is filling acceptably the place it is designed to among our people.

No one will question that it has become a necessity to our society. We could not dispense with it, yet from the financial standpoint there arises the question, How shall we continue to publish our magazine when the income fails to meet the expense? Those to whom you have given it in charge have earnestly sought to increase the income by increasing the subscription list and by the aid of advertisements, but with slight success in either way. It is a well known fact that denominational missionary publications, almost without exception, fail to pay for themselves. This is not because Christian people do not patronize publications, but because their patronage is given to outside literature to the neglect of their own, which is legitimately dependent upon them for support.

There are probably 35,000 women in our denomination ; it would seem that from this number at least 5,000 might be secured to support as useful an enterprise as the MISSIONARY HELPER. This number of subscribers would give the magazine a comfortable support and warrant an outlay for needed improvements.

The fact that we do not increase our subscription list is not because we do not secure new subscribers but because so many fail to take the magazine for any considerable number of years. Persons seem to make it a matter of personal choice whether they shall subscribe for our denominational publications or not, and fail to realize that such publications must depend upon their constituency for support, as they are not intended to be of a character to appeal to the general reader.

Our own denomination is not alone in this experience, unhappily it is equally true of nearly or quite all denominations. Since these are established facts we are led to ask if the *endowment* of such a publication as the MISSIONARY HELPER would not be a worthy object by persons who have funds that they wish placed where a permanent beneficial influence will result. We therefore commend this thought to any who are considering the disposal of property.

We desire readers for our magazine as much for their sake and the work's sake as for the financial success of the HELPER. People need but to know of the work being done and the needs in our fields to respond to the calls and give hearty support. The one aim and object of a missionary periodical is to inform the people, and how can they know except they read ; we therefore urge again and again that increasing effort be made to place the magazine in the hands of more readers. Earnest effort by many persons would accomplish much in this direction. The effort made by Mrs. Cheney while visiting churches in the West resulted in a goodly number of new subscribers. During July we added more than fifty new names to

our list, and we could trace nearly all these to special effort that was made for the magazine, and we do believe that if the society at this meeting could take action that would reach and inspire its membership to renewed and concerted action, we might decidedly increase the number of readers by the close of the present volume. Shall we act and save the magazine from financial deficit year by year? We expect a favorable response and result.

**REPORT OF E. B. CHENEY AS GENERAL AGENT F. B.
W. M. S.**

During the two years since elected to this position I have visited Yearly Meetings and addressed W. M. S's in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Quarterly Meetings in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and churches in New York. From one to five Quarterly Meetings have been visited in each of the above States holding such meetings except New York. My plan for last spring included a visit to Kansas and Nebraska Q. M's and churches, but as the time approached, my physical condition was such that I was obliged *very regrettfully* to relinquish the idea of going.

Addresses have been given during this time in a large majority of the prominent churches of our denomination. All possible means have been used to give an impulse to the work. In all the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings which I have visited I have been present at the business meetings and have given all help possible in the way of instruction and guidance. Possibly this has been the most helpful part of my work. In addition a most careful study has been made of all our denominational work, its infirmities, its advantages, and its possibilities. After reappointment in October, 1891, I endeavored to push the work with all possible zest until Christmas, speaking every Sabbath and from three to five evenings during the week. Then nature rebelled. The travel of between two and three thousand miles in the two and a half months, with the

frequent speaking and constant change of abode, had proved to be too much for my worn energies, and it seemed for a short time that I must stop entirely. But "Never say fail" had long been my motto; so in February I again entered the field, and though working less steadily have been able to fill the appointments previously made, to complete visiting the eastern Yearly Meetings, including four Y. M's and six Q. M's, and round out the work of the two years. Realizing in the spring that it would be physically impossible for me to continue the work as in the past, I earnestly desired to find out as many facts as possible for the use and guidance of the society, and conceived the idea of taking a census. The plan was so laid that by faithfulness in reporting on the part of each, a complete knowledge could be obtained of our exact condition. The results are in many respects very gratifying, but they show how much we have yet to learn about the importance of systematic reporting; and I cannot give you, as I had hoped to do, full and complete statements. But sufficient has been learned to repay the labor and time expended (for it meant a good deal of work for me), and if it is desired by the society further effort on the part of some one would make the returns complete. From the central States I have learned practically nothing. Miss Bacon, secretary for the interior, says of the blanks sent her to be filled:

"I wish it were in my power to see that these are all sent to the right places, but I haven't the address of any one in the State to whom I could send. I consulted Mrs. C., and she could give me no light only that Ohio didn't work under the Woman's Society."

From Wisconsin the report is:

"I gave some of the Q. M. presidents copies, but have not heard from them yet. It has been very warm and a very busy time. The State officers decided that it would not be possible to take the census."

Next June two decades will have passed since the W. M. S.

commenced life at the New Hampshire Y. M. It is an interesting query how many of our churches have W. M. S's and also how large a proportion of our women belong to Auxiliaries. In order to give you an idea of what I have learned I will give reports from the States East and West which have furnished the most exact information.

The figures from Maine are not complete enough to draw deductions for the whole State; but I can do so for York County, which probably fairly represents the State. Churches 14, Auxiliaries 8; a little more than one-half have organizations. Allowing for a two-thirds membership of women in the churches there are 1,076 in the Q. M. In the Auxiliaries there are 123, about one-eighth of the women being enrolled. Probably the average for the State would be lower and not above one-tenth. Maine has 172 Q. M's. Of these 7 have Q. M. Woman's Missionary Societies.

Rhode Island has 27 churches with 11 Auxiliaries, a little more than one-third being organized. The two-thirds membership of women is 2,426. Members of Auxiliaries 257, about one-tenth. Meetings are held quarterly and apart from the State Association.

Massachusetts has 14 churches with 5 Auxiliaries, about one-third having organizations. The two-thirds membership of women is 1,980. Members of Auxiliaries 194, about one-tenth.

In Michigan of the 16 Q. M's 9 hold meetings at each session, one at other times. Of the 138 churches 30 have Auxiliaries. Of 3,566 women in the churches 546 are reported as belonging to the W. M. S. Probably there are at least 600, giving an average of about one-sixth of the women in Auxiliaries.

In Iowa all the Quarterly Meetings are organized. In 42 churches there are 25 Auxiliaries. Of 918 women in the churches about 400 are reported in Auxiliaries; this being nearly one-half, the largest proportion in any State.

These deductions give but a partial idea of the present degree of organization, but we may infer that probably one-

tenth of Free Baptist women are banded together in this organization. We shall hope to give to the readers of the *HELPER* other facts of interest gleaned from the census papers. We would earnestly advise each State President to try during the next year to make the census complete, and in case any desire to do so will return all papers in our possession as a nucleus for the complete work.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1892.

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To Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1891	• • • • •	\$414 88
" from estate of Susan Gray, Jefferson, N H.	• • • • •	\$200 00
" for Foreign Missions, including zenanas	• • • • •	679 41
" schools, teachers, and Bible women at Midnapore	• • • • •	555 45
" schools, teachers, and Orphanage at Balasore	• • • • •	616 01
" Chandbali	• • • • •	61 55
" Bhimpore	• • • • •	30 55
" Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary	• • • • •	389 94
" Miss L. Coombs's salary	• • • • •	267 61
" Dr. Mary Bachelor's salary	• • • • •	331 21
" Mrs. Miner's salary	• • • • •	289 14
" Miss E. M. Butts's	• • • • •	310 06
" Home Missions, including Western work and Storer College	• • • • •	236 09
" Mrs. Burlingame's salary	• • • • •	305 16
" Mrs. Lightner's salary	• • • • •	280 35
" Miss Franklin's salary	• • • • •	385 00
" Mrs. Boothby's salary	• • • • •	102 75
" outfit and passage of new missionaries	• • • • •	54 91
" passage of missionaries including Miss H. Phillips	• • • • •	395 03
" Incidental Fund	• • • • •	17 60
" Western work, special account	• • • • •	56 09
" pupil by Mrs. French	• • • • •	5 00
" from Educational Bureau note	• • • • •	14 00
" interest on money loaned	• • • • •	173 07
" India rent money returned	• • • • •	50 00
" General Fund loan	• • • • •	175 00
" Miss H. Phillips's salary returned	• • • • •	300 00
" for General Fund	• • • • •	1,755 79
Total receipts	• • • • •	\$8,036 77
Total to account for	• • • • •	\$8,451 65

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By cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary to Sept. 1	\$366 67
" Miss H. Phillips's salary	200 00
" Miss L. Coombs's salary to Jan. 1, 1893	400 00
" Miss E. Butts salary to Jan. 1, 1893	400 00
" Dr. Mary Bacheler's salary to Jan. 1, 1893	400 00
" Mrs. Miner's salary to Jan. 1, 1893	300 00
" zenana work at Midnapore, in charge of Dr. M. Bacheler	215 00
" Bible women, Midnapore, in charge of Miss Butts	85 00
" Industrial and Ragged Schools in charge of Miss Butts	375 00
" zenanas, Balasore, in charge Dr. N. Phillips, Bible women, Balasore, in charge of Mrs. S. C. Griffin	150 00
" Orphanage, Balasore, in charge Miss Coombs	75 00
" assistant in Orphanage	350 00
" Hindu Girls' School, in charge of Mrs. Boyer	125 00
" day school, Bible women and repairs	270 00
" rent at Balasore	75 00
" work at Chandbali and Bhudruck, in charge Mrs. Ager	100 00
" work at Jellasore, in charge Mrs. Brown	75 00
" work at Bhimpore, in charge Mrs. Stiles	62 00
" Miss C. Franklin's salary	80 00
" Mrs. Lightner's salary	400 00
" Mrs. R. M. Boothby's salary	400 00
" Mrs. Burlingame's salary	275 00
" Treasurer's salary	458 00
" W oman's Department at Storer College	250 00
" Mrs. Boothby's traveling expenses	400 00
" Mrs. Burlingame's traveling expenses	31 87
" MISSIONARY HELPER	237 16
" printing reports	100 00
" traveling expenses officers to anniversaries, envelopes, printing, and postage	129 94
" annuity of Mary Ann Prescott	95 16
" loan of General Fund	27 47
" Western work special account	65 00
" fee of national council	250 00
	56 09
	33 33
Total disbursements	\$7,318 69
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1892	1,132 96
Total accounted for	\$8,451 65

There has been a gain this year in contributions, outside of bequests, of \$556.23. Maine has made the largest gain of any State, and then in order, Minnesota, Vermont, Massachusetts, Illinois, Rhode Island, Iowa, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nebraska, and New Brunswick.

INVESTMENTS.

Working Capital	\$671 95
Hebbard Fund	500 00
Sanitary Fund	166 89
Hanson Fund	500 00
Prescott Fund	1,000 00
Money belonging to regular work	325 00
Total	\$3,163 84

Invested as follows:—

L. Shaw's loan	550 00
W. T. Pearson's loan	300 00
A. Ream's loan	500 00
L. Berge's loan	250 00
N. H. Green's loan	1,000 00
Debenture bond	100 00
J. Y. and M. W. DeMeritte's loan	200 00
Stafford Co. Savings Bank	263 84
Total as above	\$3,163 84

Orphanage at Balasore known as the Sinclair Orphanage.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouchered.

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Auditor.*

Receipts from the following sources:—

Maine	\$1,799 16
New Hampshire	1,422 39
Rhode Island	1,017 23
Massachusetts	521 40
Michigan	518 12
Minnesota	493 63
Vermont	412 08
Iowa	334 82
Illinois	147 00
New York	93 03
Kansas	66 25
Indiana	53 93
South Dakota	50 56
Pennsylvania	38 90
Province of Quebec	27 00
Nebraska	26 93
Connecticut	25 00
Wisconsin	21 25

Ohio	\$16 17
West Virginia	12 00
Missouri	5 00
Nova Scotia	5 00
Oregon	2 00
New Brunswick	1 00
Miscellaneous	14 85
Bequest	200 00
Returned by Miss Phillips	300 00
Educational Bureau loan	14 00
Interest	173 07
Rent	50 00
Loan General Fund	175 00
 Total	 \$8,036 77

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
F. B. W. M. S. SOCIETY AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING, OCT. 4, 1892.

Midnapore.

Industrial and Ragged School	\$375 00
Bible women	85 00
Dr. Mary Bacheler's salary	400 00
Dr. Mary Bacheler's zenanas	230 00
Miss E. M. Butts's salary	400 00
Mrs. Miner's salary	300 00

Balasore.

Miss Coombs's salary	400 00
Miss Coombs's assistant	125 00
Orphanage	356 00
Assistant at the Orphanage	300 00
Day school, Bible women, and repairs	75 00
Hanson School	25 00
Dr. Nellie Phillips's zenanas	150 00
Dr. Nellie Phillips's Hindu schools	320 00
Dr. Nellie Phillips's Rent	100 00
Mrs. Griffin's Bible women	75 00

Bhimpore.

Work by Mrs. Stiles	160 00
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Jellasore.

Chandbali	37 50
Bhudruck	77 50
Jellasore	62 00
Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary Sept. 1, 1892, to Jan. 1, 1894	533 00
Miss Hattie Phillips's salary	533 00
Miss C. Franklin's salary	400 00
Mrs. Lightner's salary	400 00
Mrs. Boothby's salary, traveling expenses, etc.	300 00
Storer College Industrial Department	400 00
Treasurer's salary	250 00
Expense of printing reports	10 00
Expenses of children's department	
Expense of cooking department at Storer College as ordered by committee.	

SPECIALS.

From the following list Auxiliaries, Children's Bands, and individuals who want special work are asked to make selection: Support of orphans in Sinclair Orphanage, assistant in Sinclair Orphanage, Cooking School Storer College, General Fund. Application for orphans should be made to Mrs. D. F. Smith, Balasore, India. In sending money to the treasury for special work, please specify the object.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

HELPS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY.

[See Reports in this number.]

If any member present attended General Conference let her give an account of the meeting.

From the records of the secretary give items of business.

Let extracts be read from Mrs. Lowell's report.

What do you find of interest in the reports of the home secretaries?

How much money does the treasurer report as raised and expended?

What special lines of work are noted as suitable for societies having no especial object? (See first page.)

From reports of publication committee and publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER give facts about its present condition and needs.

What do you think of the plan proposed in the article on a Reading Course?

Would not the members of your Auxiliary be benefited by such a course?

What of interest can you tell from the report of the general agent?

Use some time in reviewing the work of your Auxiliary during 1892.

Let each one suggest ways of making the meetings of the coming year more profitable.

Either commence or close the exercises with several prayers for God's blessing on the work of 1893, on our missions in India and this country, and on the MISSIONARY HELPER.

READING COURSE * OF THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**I.**

The following books are recommended in response to a demand for a simple course of reading, along the lines of our own special needs, to give fresh impetus to mission work and new inspiration in practical Christian living. The course is arranged for three years, but can be taken in a longer or shorter time at the option of the reader. It is urged, however, that the *order* of the arrangement be followed as closely as possible.

II.

It is very desirable for Auxiliaries—as well as individual readers—to become familiar with these books and spend a part of each meeting in papers or discussion on the subjects thus brought forward. "Helps for Monthly Meetings" in the MISSIONARY HELPER are especially required as a part of this course.

III.

A suitable certificate will be given to any regular member of the reading circle who completes the course.

IV.

A small membership fee (25 cents annually) will be required to meet necessary expenses of printing and correspondence. This also gives the reader the advantage of getting books at lowest rates.

V.

All who wish to join this friendly circle must send full address and annual fees to the publisher of the HELPER, Mrs. Ella H. Andrews, 453 Washington St., Providence, R. I., who will also furnish the required books on application at listed prices.

* Those who desire something more elaborate, expensive, and purely missionary to supplement this course are referred to the "Cross Bearer's Missionary Reading Circle," Z. M. Williams, secretary, St. Joseph, Mo.

FIRST YEAR.

William Carey, "The Father and Founder of Modern Missions," by John Brown Myers.
Missionary Reminiscences. Mrs. M. M. H. Hills.
The Pocket Measure, Pansy.
Christian Giving, by a Layman.
Manual of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society.
The MISSIONARY HELPER.

SECOND YEAR.

The Miracle of Missions, by Arthur T. Pierson.
Our Country. Dr. Strong.
The Woman's Manual of Parliamentary Law. Harriette R. Shattuck.

Addresses, by Henry Drummond.

MISSIONARY HELPER.

The third year will include Stalker's Life of Christ and Mrs. Hannah Whitall Smith's Christian's Secret of a Happy Life. The other books will be announced later and also the price list.

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB,
LAURA A. DEMERITTE,
Committee.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

All life is progressive. That which ceases to grow is related to death. We hail therefore with gladness the signs of vigorous life in the plan proposed by the committee on a Reading Course. We call especial attention to the plan as presented on another page. It can be made of great value as an educational factor. The course will be made as inexpensive as possible; some of the books can be secured with paper covers if desired. Further particulars will appear in the January number. . . . The death of the home secretary for New England, Mrs. Bessie Peckham, left the work of reporting to be arranged for late in the day. The editor expected help which failed, and has done the best she could with such material as she had on hand. . . . Many communications intended for this number await their opportunity in January. They will appear in due time. To our many readers and friends we wish a bright, joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

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